

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS

#### **ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

The Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company,

Petitioner,

V.

City of Blue Island, Illinois; Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Inc.; Illinois Department of Transportation; and Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Co.,

Respondents.

Petition for an Order from the Illinois Commerce Commission allowing modification to the existing at-grade crossings and traffic control devices at Broadway Street (B&OCT MP15.11, DOT 163-416P, GTW MP 19.49, DOT 283-162H) and construction of an additional mainline track thereby lengthening the existing at-grade crossings and requiring modification to the traffic control devices at Chatham Street (MP 14.40; DOT 163-413U) and Western Avenue (MP 14.67, DOT 163-415H).

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Illinois Commerce Commission.

RAIL SAFETY SECTION

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## **ANSWER TO THE PETITION**

NOW COMES Respondent Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (GTW), by and through its attorney, Michael J. Barron, Jr., for its Answer to the Petition ("Petition") of the Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company in the above-captioned matter and states as follows:

- 1. GTW lacks sufficient information so as to allow it to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Petition.
- 2. GTW admits that Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated is a Delaware corporation permitted to do business in Illinois and that it does do business in Illinois.
  - 3. GTW admits the allegation contained in Paragraph 4 of the Petition.

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- 4. GTW lacks sufficient information so as to allow it to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraphs 5 through 11 of the Petition.
  - 5. GTW admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Petition.
- 6. GTW lacks sufficient information so as to allow it to either admit or deny Paragraphs 14 through 34 of the Petition.

WHEREFORE, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated respectfully requests:

- a) That the Illinois Commerce Commission consider whether the third track as proposed by the Petition for Broadway is necessary as it may be possible to merge the proposed track into the current adjacent track south of the crossing as opposed to north of the crossing, thus removing the necessity to make alterations to the crossing at Broadway; and
- b) That the Illinois Commerce Commission not impose any costs resulting from this proposed project on GTW; and
- c) That the Illinois Commerce Commission grant further relief that it deems just and equitable.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD INCORPORATED

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# **NOTICE OF FILING**

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William L. Kuhn McGuire Woods LLP 77 West Wacker Drive, Suite 4400 Chicago, IL 60601 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003, mailed for filing with the Illinois Commerce Commission, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated's Answer to the Petition in the above captioned matter, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

## GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD INCORPORATED

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, MICHAEL J. BARRON, JR., an attorney, certify that I served the foregoing Answer to the Petition upon the respondents made party to this proceeding by enclosing copies of the foregoing in envelopes addressed to those parties as set forth below, postage prepaid, and depositing the envelopes in the United States mail at 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL on the 5th day of March, 2003.

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